

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
Recreation & Community Services Department
61 Durant Terrace
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

MINUTES

Recreation & Community Services Commission Meeting of October 8, 2015
Senior and Community Center, 61 Durant Terrace, Middletown, CT 06457
6:00 p.m.

Present: Philip Pessina, Jerry Winzer, William Wasch, Ed Dypa, Anthony Jaskot, David Bauer, Rick Romano, Sal Uccello

Absent: Mary Bartolotta, Tom Hutton, Lucy Bettencourt

Staff
& Students: Deb Stanley

Public: none

Call: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Pessina. Phil Pessina welcomed our new commissioner, Sal Uccello.

Public
Hearing: None

Minutes: Ed Dypa moved to accept the Minutes from the September 10, 2015 meeting, seconded by Jerry Winzer and unanimously accepted

Amend
Agenda: There was a motion by David Bauer to amend the agenda and move the discussion and vote on the proposed 2016 Youth Sports Grant Application before the Director's Report. Seconded by Tony Jaskot and passed unanimously.

Sports Grants
Application: There was discussion about the proposed 2016 Youth Sports Grant Application. The application will be available for distribution on December 15th instead of January 15. Motion to accept the proposed draft by David Bauer and seconded by Tony Jaskot. David Bauer suggests that we form the Sports Grant sub-committee after the election.

Director's Report:
Debbie Stanley spoke about a Family Bingo Night that was a successful and affordable night out. She mentioned that there is still \$8,900 still left in the Sport Grant funds. Debbie said that meteorologist Mark Dixon was a speaker and the senior members enjoyed him very much. She also stated that a program called "jukebox bash" with a dinner, and dancing to the sounds of the jukebox was a huge hit. She mentioned that some of the members have told Ann that these programs have been the best thing that has happened to them in years. Debbie stated that the clerk position application period has closed. She has inquired about additional cameras in the café, kitchen and multi-purpose room.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senior Services:
Ed Dypa stated that the majority of time of this commission is spent on Sports Grants and he believes we need to give recognition to the Senior Services Division. Ed mentions that Laura Runte is our Municipal Agent and ADA Coordinator, she does a fantastic job, and she is well respected by her peers. Laura attends training where she learns to help our seniors with Medicare enrollment as well as many other services. Ed showed the commissioners a copy of the Senior Services Guide that is on-line. Deb said she

will make hard copies for the senior membership. Deb mentions that Laura's report detailing her daily interactions with the members is in every month's information packet to the commission. Phil would like Laura Runte or Ann Gregg to attend a meeting at least quarterly. Deb will invite them to the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sports Grant Funding** – Tony Jaskot and Ricky Romano state that most children bring their own equipment ie bats, soccer balls, and basketballs to practice. Jerry Winzer wants to be sure that teams list accurately the number of youth in their programs and he questioned why some teams may have less players and still receive the same amount of money. Tony mentioned that the price of equipment and supplies goes up all the time. The sports grant subcommittee will be formed after the election.
- **Facility Usage Agreements and Fees** – There was not discussion on this topic
- **League Equipment and Storage**- There was no discussion on this topic.

Motion: Commissioner Jaskot motioned to adjourn. Winzer moved the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Stanley
cc Town Clerk